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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

The highest of hopes that the passing into the new year was full of enjoyment and with thoughts of good things to follow. I find myself temporarily unemployed but I believe I shall be able to resolve my unfortunate dilemma in good time. I am exploring opportunities within the NYS legislature and the Congress. In the meantime I have many articles to help write and I am working with Jim Lesar on a FOIA case, all of which keep me very busy.

Since I assume that all correspondence you receive becomes part of the official collection that will be turned over to your neighboring college, and even if not, I wish to set the record straight, in writing, about my association with Harry Livingstone and the recent problems he has been causing. I met Harry for the first time at the ASK'92 conference. He came over to where Jerry Rose and I were sitting and struck up a conversation with a group of us that were together discussing the case. I found him to be calm and level-headed and we entertained a delightful and promising conversation regarding the future of the investigation. Of course, this was quite different from what I had been led to expect. Jerry was surprised as well.

Needless to say we did not have to wait long until our original expectations surfaced. The next morning Harry was disseminating to all a letter he had handwritten about our discussion of the evening before, except the statements contained in this letter were nothing of the kind uttered by Jerry or I or anyone for that matter. Essentially, the statements criticized Mary, Larry, Gary and all of ASK and exclaimed that never again will we meet in Dallas but that the researchers will rally against these collaborators and pursue the case on our own. You can imagine the shock that Jerry and I felt when we noticed that our names had been placed on the letter as contacts for

people to seek out! Neither of us, of course, had anything to do with Harry's actions and we spent the rest of the weekend refuting Harry's allegations and explaining we were not part of his plan.

It was that note that has led people to tell you that I am involved with his "tissue of a disclosure organization". I can assure you that I have neither spoken with him nor sought to do so since our initial meeting of last October. I do not agree with any of the slanderous comments he has made against people I consider to be my friends (although even if they were not, I still would not agree) and continues to make and I never will. He is seriously causing damage to the research movement by acting in such a manner. There are no excuses for his actions and I hope that one day he realizes the extent of the damage he has caused to specific people and the community in general.

As for the recent episode where he telephoned you I have discovered how he came about to know of your concern for yourself and Mary. I realize that it appeared to be I that betrayed the confidences Peggy entrusted me with but, again, I assure you that I do not betray such confidences. However, Mary had discussed the fact that Harry was causing some problems for the two of you with another researcher, in what detail I do not know. This researcher is acquainted with Carrol, Graf and Gallen and spoke to Gallen, whom I believe is a friend of yours if I am not mistaken, and informed him of the terrible things Harry was doing.

Knowing that Gallen thinks highly of you this researcher suggested to Gallen that he inform Harry to cease and desist his derogatory and potentially threatening communications with you immediately. Gallen did so and then Harry called you. The rest you know. I hope what I have written clears up the matter. I seem to get blamed often for communication leaks I had nothing to do with and, as I am sure you understand, I do not particularly find that to be fair. But, as far as I am concerned the matter is now history.

Moving on. All is going well with the new legislation. Clinton will be making the nominations by January 27. He was given sixteen names to initially consider for the Review Board. I have enclosed my most recent memorandum on the topic for you to review. As are your files, my memos are available to all, so do not get upset with me for some of the names on my list. I will always keep in mind your principles over compromise advice.

With that in mind, as I briefly mentioned to you last time I am writing a detailed article on Mark Lane. It will cover everything. His ties to Liberty Lobby, Jonestown, his many false statetments, the misinterpretations he

spreads in Plausible Denial about the Hunt v. Liberty Lobby case and much more. Everyone I speak with appears to want me to write this article and offers to contribute whatever they can. I will contact the organizations you previously suggested but if you wish to offer some personal comments I would be very interested in reading them. Most likely this is a subject we should speak about in detail over the phone. What do you think? I am going to try to have a mainstream magazine, such as Esquire, publish the piece. I believe you will fully enjoy reading the final copy. If you can suggest anyone I should speak with that could provide me with some useful insight into Lane, I would appreciate it very much.

As always, my continuing and best wishes and warmest of regards to you and Lil. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Mark S. Zaid

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